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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Please make the responsible decision to allow our smaller network providers to continue renting equipment to maintain competition in the tele-communications industry which benefits the end users.

We are a country made up of small businesses...we need your help to maintain the American dream and identity.

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